Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, In 1920, La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, The Society of Forty Men and Eight Horses, popularly known as the 40 et 8 was organized by dedicated World War I veterans returning from France; and,

Whereas, The 40 et 8 Child Welfare program was founded in 1923 to help the children of fathers who were injured or who never returned after the war. The efforts of our Voyageur members continually help thousands of children annually, and the Forty and Eight annually visits schools across South Dakota with their "Flags for First Graders Program," teaching patriotism and respect for the United States flag; and,

Whereas, In 1955, Voyageurs recognized the shortage of registered nurses and began their "Nurses Training Program" providing scholarships, grants, and interest free loans to enrolled nursing students and have helped over 30,000 nurses; and,

Whereas, The Voyageur Militaries of the Forty and Eight ask only to serve veterans, children, and their fellow human beings and to provide our children with a safe, free land of opportunity, and the Forty and Eight annually hold a "Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day program & Memorial Service" every December; and,

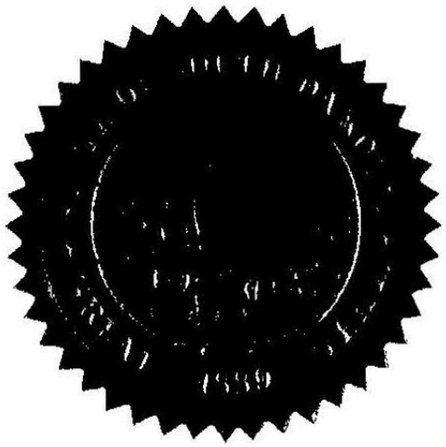
Whereas, This is an independent organization in which membership is by invitation only, an "Honor Society of all honorably discharged veterans and honorably serving members of the United States Armed Forces"; and,

Whereas, The annual Grand Promenade will be held July 20-22, 2012, in Pierre, South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 22-28, 2012, as

FORTY AND EIGHT WEEK

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Judy A. Larson Exec. Asst.

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State